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FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5972  
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FOR S/CT AND ARA/SC

E.O. 12356:DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PREL, PTER, AR, IS, US  
SUBJECT: GOA CONCERNS ABOUT IRANIAN LINK TO EMBASSY  
BOMBING

1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. PLEASE SEE PARAGRAPH 6.

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3. DURING A MAY 27 MEETING WITH THE DCM DEDICATED TO  
ANOTHER SUBJECT, ANDRES CISNEROS, CHIEF-OF-STAFF TO THE  
FOREIGN MINISTER, ASKED ABOUT REPORTS OF U.S.  
IDENTIFICATION OF IRAN AS A FACTOR IN THE MARCH 17  
BOMBING OF THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES.

4. CISNEROS WAS REFERRING TO A REUTERS PIECE THAT  
APPEARED IN MAY 8 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL "HERALD  
TRIBUNE." REUTERS QUOTED A SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICIAL AS SAYING THAT THE U.S. "HAS STRONG INDICATIONS  
THAT IRANIAN DIPLOMATS HELPED PLAN" THE BOMBING. THE

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UNNAMED OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT THE USG DID NOT HAVE CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF IRANIAN CULPABILITY IN THE ACT. CISNEROS ALSO NOTED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESWOMAN HAD SUBSEQUENTLY SUGGESTED THAT EVIDENCE SUPPORTED ISLAMIC JIHAD CLAIMS TO HAVE BOMBED THE EMBASSY, AND THAT ISLAMIC JIHAD WAS SUPPORTED BY IRAN.

5. CISNEROS WENT ON TO ASK WHETHER THE USG HAD INFORMATION ON IRANIAN INVOLVEMENT THAT IT HAD NOT YET SHARED WITH THE GOA. THE DCM RESPONDED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE WE DID NOT; BUT AGREED TO REPORT CISNEROS' QUESTION TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A RESPONSE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED GUIDANCE ON A RESPONSE TO CISNEROS. TODMAN

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